उनमें से एक व्यक्ति की पुलिस हिरासत में पुलिस स्टेशन वसंत कुंज में मृत्यु हो गई थी । जांच-पड़ताल की जा रही है । अभी तक ऐसा कोई सबूत नहीं मिला है जिससे आरोपों की पुष्टि हो ।

Apjwintment of Senior Officers in the Elgin Mills Ltd. Kanpur

3648. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Elgin Mills Ltd., Kanpur has recently appointed a few senior officers who were till recently in employment with the National Textile Corporation or its subsidiaries;

(b) whether a few of them were identified by the Srinivasan Committee as poor performers apart from vigilance charges on account of corruption against them;

(c) whether the CBI has again sought permission from his Ministry for framing charges and the same is being delayed;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for giving such indirect protection to such corrupt officials; and

(e) what further action is being proposed to be taken to ensure that the above Mills does not employ any such person?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Elgin Mills Ltd., Kanpur has recently made only one such appointment at General Manager level. This officer was graded as 'poor by the Srinivasan Committee while he was working with NTC as a Func-tiqnal Director.

(c) and (d) The Government has permitted CBl to register case against officials functionally involved in the matter.

(e) The Govt's approval is not required for appointments below Board leve.

Payments to Contractors by NTC, Calcutta

3649. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 804 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1988 regarding the payments to contractors by NTC, Calcutta and state;

(a) what further efforts have been made to render timely payment;

(b) whether one of the erstwhile contractors' equipment and machinery have been retained by the Mills at a heavy cost of rental charges;

(c) whether the contractors has also preferred bills for payment of rental or business loss charges to the Jyoti Weaving Factory;

(d) whether the authorities of the Mills have not entertained their bills;

(e) if so, what are the facts thereof including the total amount of charges so claimed till 31st March, 1988; and

(f) what further action is being proposed to be taken to settle the payments immediately?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Payments are released to contractors as and when bills are received and after necessary verification of the progress made.

(b) One of the Civil Contractors had left behind some equipment in the Jyoti Weaving Factory, after cancellation of a contract, due to unsatisfactory performance. He has been asked to lift the equipments, but has not lifted the equipments so far

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) The contract does not provide far payment against bills for rental.